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At 1500 on 3 July 1954, two Soviet auxiliary vessels were sighted near Tallinn lightship proceeding in line formation on a westerly course. The leading vessel, a steamer with two stacks, had an estimated tonnage of 5,000 to 6,000 DWT, a plumb stem, conventional steamer stern, two tall vertical masts, two wells, one aft of the forecandle and one forward of the poop, a crow's nest on the forward mast, high amidships structures, and bridge structures of the same height. The second ship, which was smaller, was similar to the former SAAR-type German escort vessels. It had a raking stem, a cruiser stern, two masts, a radar scanner on the bridge, and a very long fantail higher than the foredeck. It was not a steam-driven vessel.

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